

Teacher Resource Information: **Supplies for Oregon Trail Journey**

Recommended Supplies for a Family of Four (6 Months):

Food

800 Pounds Flour
200 Pounds Sugar
25 Pounds Salt & Pepper
200 Pounds Beans
700 Pounds Bacon
100 Pounds Dried Fruit
75 Pounds Coffee
2,000 Pounds Total

[**Note:** No more than 2,400 pounds should be taken in one wagon, causing some families to take more than one wagon.]

Other Items

Cooking utensils
Guns & Ammunition
Eating Utensils
Clothing & Personal items
*Furniture (If weight and room allowed)

[**Note:** Most Furniture items were eventually discarded to lighten the heavy load as the animals wore out and died.]

Animals

4-6 Oxen (\$25.00 each)
3 Yokes or 6 oxen were typical
OR:

8-10 Mules (\$75.00 each)

[Oxen were preferred since they were much gentler, steadier, and in case of dire need, they could be eaten.]

Source: American West Heritage Center Volunteer Manual, Research Files

Supply List for Wagon

Bedding and Tent

Supplies

Blankets
Feather Beds
Ground Cloths
Pillows
Tent
Poles
Stakes
Ropes

Cooking Utensils

Dutch Oven
Kettle
Skillet
Reflector Oven
Coffee pot
Teapot
Butcher Knife
Ladle
Tin tableware
Water keg
Matches

Handy Articles

Surgical instruments
Liniments
Bandages
Campstool
Chamber Pot
Washbowl
Lanterns Candle molds
Tallow
Spyglass
Scissors
Needles, Pins, Thread

Food

Flour
Bacon
Coffee
Baking Soda
Corn Meal
Hardtack
Dried Beans
Molasses
Vinegar
Pepper
Eggs
Salt
Sugar
Rice
Tea

Clothes

Wool sack coats
Rubber coats
Cotton dresses
Wool pantaloons
Buckskin pants
Duck trousers
Cotton shirts
Flannel shirts
Cotton socks
Brogans
Boots
Felt hat
Palm-leaf sun hat
Green goggles
Sunbonnet

Tools and Extra

Equipment

Set of augers
Gimlet
Hammer
Plow
Spade
Axles
Linchpins
Spokes
Heavy Ropes
Oxbows
Ax
Hoe
Shovel
Whetstone
Kingbolts
Ox shoes
Wagon tongue
Chains

Luxuries

Canned foods
Schoolbooks
Dolls
Jewelry
Silverware
Iron stoves
Plant cuttings
Musical instruments
Family albums
China
Fine linens
Furniture